

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CATHERINE DUKES, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 1:04-CV-10315 (PBS)

COLUMBIA ACORN SELECT, COLUMBIA
ACORN USA, COLUMBIA ASSET
ALLOCATION FUND, COLUMBIA
BALANCED FUND, COLUMBIA COMMON
STOCK FUND, COLUMBIA DISCIPLINED
VALUE FUND, COLUMBIA DIVIDEND
INCOME FUND, COLUMBIA GROWTH &
INCOME FUND, COLUMBIA GROWTH
FUND, COLUMBIA GROWTH STOCK
FUND, COLUMBIA LARGE CAP CORE
FUND, COLUMBIA LARGE CAP GROWTH
FUND, COLUMBIA LARGE COMPANY
INDEX FUND, COLUMBIA LIBERTY
FUND, COLUMBIA MID CAP GROWTH
VALUE FUND, COLUMBIA REAL ESTATE
EQUITY FUND, COLUMBIA SMALL CAP
FUND, COLUMBIA SMALL CAP VALUE
FUND, COLUMBIA SMALL COMPANY
EQUITY FUND, COLUMBIA SMALL
COMPANY INDEX FUND, COLUMBIA
STRATEGIC INVESTORS FUND,
COLUMBIA TAX-MANAGED
AGGRESSIVE GROWTH FUND,
COLUMBIA TAX-MANAGED GROWTH
FUND, COLUMBIA TAX-MANAGED
GROWTH FUND II, COLUMBIA TAX-
MANAGED VALUE FUND, COLUMBIA
TECHNOLOGY FUND, COLUMBIA
THERMOSTAT FUND, COLUMBIA
UTILITIES FUND, COLUMBIA YOUNG
INVESTORS FUND, COLUMBIA ACORN
INTERNATIONAL, COLUMBIA ACORN
INTERNATIONAL SELECT, COLUMBIA
EUROPE FUND, COLUMBIA GLOBAL

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

1:04-CV-10355 (PBS);

1:04-CV-10405 (PBS);

1:04-CV-10408 (PBS);

1:04-CV-10534 (PBS);

1:04-CV-10603 (PBS).

**DECLARATION OF DARREN J.
CHECK IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
OF THE BONELLI PLAINTIFF
GROUP TO CONSOLIDATE
ACTIONS, TO BE APPOINTED LEAD
PLAINTIFFS AND FOR APPROVAL
OF LEAD PLAINTIFFS' SELECTION
OF LEAD COUNSEL AND LIAISON
COUNSEL**

EQUITY FUND, COLUMBIA)
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND,)
COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL STOCK)
FUND, COLUMBIA NEWPORT ASIA)
PACIFIC FUND, COLUMBIA NEWPORT)
JAPAN, COLUMBIA OPPORTUNITIES)
FUND; COLUMBIA GREATER CHINA)
FUND, COLUMBIA NEWPORT TIGER)
FUND, COLUMBIA CONTRARIAN)
INCOME FUND, COLUMBIA CORPORATE)
BOND FUND, COLUMBIA FEDERAL)
SECURITIES FUND, COLUMBIA FIXED)
INCOME SECURITIES FUND, COLUMBIA)
FLOATING RATE FUND, COLUMBIA)
HIGH YIELD FUND, COLUMBIA HIGH)
YIELD OPPORTUNITY FUND, COLUMBIA)
INCOME FUND, COLUMBIA)
INTERMEDIATE BOND FUND,)
COLUMBIA INTERMEDIATE)
GOVERNMENT INCOME FUND,)
COLUMBIA MONEY MARKET FUND,)
COLUMBIA QUALITY PLUS BOND FUND,)
COLUMBIA STRATEGIC INCOME FUND,)
COLUMBIA U.S. TREASURY INDEX)
FUND, COLUMBIA CALIFORNIA TAX-)
EXEMPT FUND, COLUMBIA)
CONNECTICUT INTERMEDIATE)
MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, COLUMBIA)
CONNECTICUT TAX-EXEMPT FUND,)
COLUMBIA FLORIDA INTERMEDIATE)
MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, COLUMBIA)
HIGH YIELD MUNICIPAL FUND,)
COLUMBIA INTERMEDIATE TAX-)
EXEMPT BOND FUND, COLUMBIA)
MANAGED MUNICIPALS FUND,)
COLUMBIA MASSACHUSETTS)
INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPALS BOND)
FUND, COLUMBIA MASSACHUSETTS)
TAX-EXEMPT FUND, COLUMBIA)
MUNICIPAL MONEY MARKET FUND,)
COLUMBIA NATIONAL MUNICIPAL)
BOND FUND, COLUMBIA NEW JERSEY)
INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPAL BOND)
FUND, COLUMBIA NEW YORK)

INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPAL BOND)
FUND, COLUMBIA NEW YORK TAX-)
EXEMPT FUND, COLUMBIA OREGON)
MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, COLUMBIA)
PENNSYLVANIA INTERMEDIATE)
MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, COLUMBIA)
RHODE ISLAND INTERMEDIATE)
MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, COLUMBIA)
TAX-EXEMPT FUND, COLUMBIA TAX-)
EXEMPT INSURED FUND, COLUMBIA)
SMALL CAP GROWTH FUND, COLUMBIA)
EUROPEAN THEMATIC EQUITY FUND,)
COLUMBIA GLOBAL THEMATIC EQUITY)
FUND, COLUMBIA DAILY INCOME)
COMPANY FUND (collectively known as)
"COLUMBIA FUNDS"); COLUMBIA)
ACORN TRUST, COLUMBIA BALANCED)
FUND INC./OR COLUMBIA COMMON)
STOCK FUND INC., COLUMBIA DAILY)
INCOME COMPANY, COLUMBIA FIXED)
INCOME SECURITIES FUND, INC.,)
COLUMBIA FUNDS TRUST I, COLUMBIA)
FUNDS TRUST II, COLUMBIA FUNDS)
TRUST III, COLUMBIA FUNDS TRUST IV,)
COLUMBIA FUNDS TRUST IX,)
COLUMBIA FUNDS TRUST V, COLUMBIA)
FUNDS TRUST VI, COLUMBIA FUNDS)
TRUST VII, COLUMBIA FUNDS TRUST)
VIII, COLUMBIA FUNDS TRUST XI,)
COLUMBIA GROWTH FUND INC.,)
COLUMBIA HIGH YIELD FUND INC.,)
COLUMBIA INSTITUTIONAL FLOATING)
RATE INCOME FUND, COLUMBIA)
INTERNATIONAL STOCK FUND INC.,)
COLUMBIA OREGON MUNICIPAL BOND)
FUND INC., COLUMBIA NATIONAL)
MUNICIPAL BOND FUND INC.,)
COLUMBIA REAL ESTATE EQUITY)
FUND, COLUMBIA SHORT TERM BOND)
FUND INC., COLUMBIA SMALL CAP)
GROWTH FUND INC., COLUMBIA)
STRATEGIC INVESTOR FUND INC.,)
COLUMBIA TECHNOLOGY FUND INC.,)
(collectively known as COLUMBIA FUNDS)

REGISTRANTS"); FLEETBOSTON)
FINANCIAL CORPORATION, COLUMBIA)
MANAGEMENT GROUP INC., COLUMBIA)
MANAGEMENT ADVISORS INC.,)
COLUMBIA WANGER ASSET)
MANAGEMENT L.P., COLUMBIA FUNDS)
DISTRIBUTOR INC., and JOHN DOES 1-)
100,)
)
Defendants.)

Darren J. Check, declares, under penalty of perjury this 13th day of April, 2004:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Schiffrin & Barroway, LLP. I submit this declaration in support of the motion of Blake Bonelli, Harry & Elaine Ellis, Charles Cordier and the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation (collectively, the "Bonelli Plaintiff Group") to consolidate actions, for the appointment of lead plaintiffs and for approval of lead plaintiffs' selection of lead counsel and liaison counsel.
2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a list of named defendant funds and all other named defendants in the above captioned actions.
3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B are true and correct copies of the signed certifications of the Bonelli Plaintiff Group pursuant to the requirements of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"). 15 U.S.C. § 77z-1(a)(2); 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(2).
4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of a chart of the Bonelli Plaintiff Group's investments in the Columbia Mutual Funds.
5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the notice to class members concerning the first-filed of the above-captioned actions that was published on February 13, 2004 on *PR Newswire*, advising the public of the pendency of a class action filed on behalf of purchasers of the Columbia Mutual Funds (*i.e.*, the Columbia Mutual Funds as defined

in Exhibit A).

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the firm biography for Schiffrin & Barroway, LLP, the law firm seeking the Court's approval as lead counsel.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the firm biography for Gilman and Pastor, LLP, the law firm seeking the Court's approval as liaison counsel.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



DARREN J. CHECK